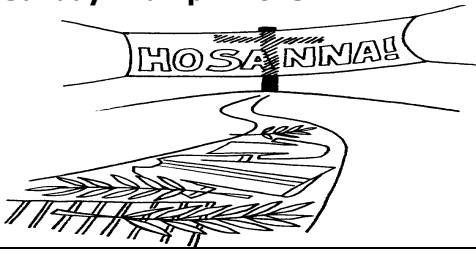


Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 2nd April 2023

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PALM SUNDAY

THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

We greet the Lord today with palm branches and hosannas, welcoming him to the holy city of Jerusalem. His missionary journey and our Lenten journey are nearing their completion. Soon Jesus will celebrate the Passover with his closest disciples here in the centre of the Jewish world. Before the sun rises, he will be betrayed by one of his friends, arrested, and taken away. He will be tortured, put on trial, and sentenced to death. He will die on the cross, be taken down, and be buried. From there he will be raised and will ascend to the holy city that is our eternal home. Today as we shout our hosannas and wave our palm branches to welcome our Lord into Jerusalem, we look forward to the day when we will all be welcomed into the new Jerusalem.

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2023

Palm Sunday Blessing of Palms and Mass at: 8.30, 11.30am, & 6.30pm 9.45am (<i>Polish</i>)	2 April	Good Friday The Celebration of the Lord's Passion for Children at 10.00am in Italian at 12.00 Noon In English at 3.00pm In Polish at 5.00pm 8.00pm Good Friday Reflection	7 April
Monday of Holy Week 10.00am Mass 7.00pm Penance Service and Confessions	3 April		
Tuesday of Holy Week 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Polish Confessions 7.00pm Polish Mass	4 April	Holy Saturday Confessions from 11.00am – 12.00noon <i>12.00 – Polish Blessing of the Easter Food</i> 4.00pm Italian Easter Vigil 8.00pm The Easter Vigil	8 April
Wednesday of Holy Week 10.00am Mass	5 April	Easter Sunday Mass at 8.30am & 11.30am 9.45am Polish Mass <i>There are no evening Masses today</i>	9 April
Maundy Thursday <i>There is no morning Mass today</i> Mass of the Lord's Supper in Italian at 12.00 Noon in Polish at 6.00pm in English at 8.00pm <i>There will be watching at the Altar of Repose until Midnight</i>	6 April	Good Friday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence. There will be a Collection for the Upkeep of the Holy Places during each of the Services on Good Friday	

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 1st April
Sunday 2nd April

PALM SUNDAY

Monday 3rd April
Tuesday 4th April
Wednesday 5th April
Thursday 6th April

TODAY'S READINGS:
Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 21
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:
Acts 10:34.37-43
Psalm 117
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

6.30pm Leonardo Noto RIP
8.30am People of the Parish
11.30am Sr Caterina, Teresa, Agnese RIP
6.30pm N, M & A. Basti RIP
10.00am Cindy Pereira RIP
9.00am Vera Argue RIP
10.00am Hyacinth Jaya Kodyy
8.00pm Derek Loftus RIP



LIVE STREAMING FROM THE CHURCH

The live stream runs twenty-four hours a day, so you can 'visit' the Church whenever you wish. There is a link on the Parish Website and it is also accessible at <http://www.churchservices.tv/walthamcross>.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For those who are ill: Nicola Harker, Ann Shipwright, Laurel Reeve, Julia Barrett, John Fleming, Annie Lutwack, Richard O'Reilly, Rosalie Olayokun, Barbara Alexander, Emily West, Linda Tank, Lily Barber, Gladys Asare, Natasha Papet, Mimmo Santagata, Rodney Imbert, Lisa Thorogood,

For those who have died recently: Delia Cavaciuti, Desmond Powell, Luciano Ricotta, Maria Zeolla, Pietro Castronovo,

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Leonardo Noto,

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GETTING THE CHURCH READY FOR EASTER

We will need help cleaning and preparing the Church on Holy Saturday morning, starting at 9.30am. If you know you are able to help, please let the Parish Office know. But do feel free to just turn up on the day, there will be plenty of work for everyone. Thank you.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you to all those people who have continued to support the Parish financially. Your support is greatly appreciated. **Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £936.50, plus the March Standing Orders £5,027.00; Online Donations £65.00, Contactless £176.00.**

LENTEN ALMS

The Collection Box near the Statue of St Anthony will be used for the collection of your Lenten Alms Donations. You can also make donations online, just put Lenten Alms as the reference. We will be using the donations to support the Broxbourne Food Bank.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2023 Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. The effects of the pandemic, followed by the cost of living crisis, are still making daily life harder for all. Price rises last year meant many families faced an impossible choice: HEAT or EAT? And this crisis is far from over. The Church continues to respond, with thousands of people putting their faith into action by serving those in need. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. And for those who can't give financially, your time is a priceless commodity – please see the posters on how you can volunteer in the diocese and help those in need. Please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

AFTERNOON TEAS

The Afternoon Teas will be on Monday 3rd April at 2.00pm – 3.30pm, in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

EASTER OFFERINGS

It has always been the case that people's Offering on Easter Sunday and on Christmas Day are your gift to the Clergy, and not a donation to the Parish as such. For those people who normally donate by Standing Order, there are Easter Envelopes available at the entrances to the Church.

200 CLUB WINNERS – MARCH

1st No. 54 Renaldo Gracias;

2nd No. 68 Michael Slattery;

3rd No. 28 Cathie Wheeler

HAVE YOU SIGNED A GIFT AID FORM?

We will soon be putting in a Gift Aid claim asking the Inland Revenue to give us the Tax that you have paid on your donations. If you have stopped paying tax please would you contact the Parish Office on 01992 623156 so that we don't ask for the tax if you haven't paid it.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please collect your new sets of Offertory Envelopes after Mass at the weekend. If you no longer use your Offertory Envelopes or wish to move from Envelopes to a Standing Order, can you please let the Parish Office know. Thank you.

THE CORONATION CEREMONY IN MAY

We will be able to live stream the King's Coronation to the large Screen in the Hall in the Parish Centre. The Hall will be open on the day for those who wish to come. Please bring your own picnic!

CARETAKER REQUIRED AT ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary school is seeking to appoint a Caretaker to commence as soon as possible. Full details of this job vacancy can be found at https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,caretaker_81554.htm

If you are interested or require further information, please contact the school office on 01992 629503 or email schooloffice@stjosephs351.herts.sch.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

All are invited to join the Diocese of Westminster's annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 21st to 28th July 2023, led by HE Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Book now to avoid disappointment as places are limited via the Tangney Tours portal at: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/westminster-lourdes>

If you have previously indicated 'St Frai Pilgrim' on an Expression of Interest Form, or know of someone with significant medical and mobility needs who intends to come to Lourdes, contact the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173 immediately, so the Medical Team can look into assisting with requirements and care. Similarly, all individuals or groups intending to travel independently to join Westminster in Lourdes, by making their own travel and accommodation arrangement, must confirm this in writing to the Pilgrimage Office by 30th April 2023 as well as submit payment towards the Pilgrims' Levy at £35 per pilgrim. Visit the Lourdes Pilgrimage web page <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or contact Elizabeth at the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173.

EUCCHARISTIC MINSTERS AND READERS

Would Readers and Eucharistic Minsters please sign up for the Easter Services. The lists are in the Sacristy.

COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS

The Bishops of England and Wales have decided that it is now safe for people to receive Communion under Both Kinds (to receive the Precious Blood from the Chalice, as well as receiving the Host), as we did before the start of COVID Pandemic. Their intention is that we should resume offering the Chalice at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, and then at every Mass thereafter. But before we take this step, we need to know what people think about this proposal.